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1. EVENING MARCH 3, CHILEAN TELEVISION CHANNEL 9 (UNIVERSITY OF CHILE) CARRIED SECOND DOCUMENTARY BASED ON CHARGES BY FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHILE EDWARD KORRY OF ALLEGED CIA INTERVENTION IN CHILEAN AFFAIRS (REFTEL). BROADCAST WAS ENTITLED "POLITICAL CORRUPTION" AND CONSISTED, FIRST, OF A SERIES OF REACTIONS BY VARIOUS CHILEANS TO THE ORIGINAL BROADCAST, FOLLOWED BY AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN LUCIANO VASQUE, (CHILEAN PRESS ATTACHE ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM), AND JOE TRENTON, WHO BROKE THE KORRY REVELATIONS IN THE WILMINGTON NEWS-JOURNAL. SINCE POLITICAL MEDIA EVENTS ON CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS ARE RARE UNDER THE JUNTA, THIS BROADCAST LIKE THE FIRST WILL DOUBTLESS ATTRACT WIDE LOCAL ATTENTION AND WILL PROBABLY BE REPEATED.

2. THE FIRST PORTION OF THE BROADCAST REVIEWS THE REACTIONS OF EX-PRESIDENT FREI AND OTHER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (PDC) LEADERS TO THE KORRY CHARGES, WITH COMMENTARY GENERALLY DEROGATORY TO THE PDC. IN SECOND PORTION, JOE TRENTON DESCRIBED IN DETAIL HOW HE BECAME INVOLVED IN THE KORRY AFFAIR AND HIS JUDGMENTS ABOUT IT.

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3. TRENTON'S BIGOROUSLY REITERATED THEME WAS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE CIA HAD BEEN GUILTY OF CONTINUAL MASSIVE AND UNJUSTIFIED INTERVENTION IN CHILEAN AFFAIRS, BEGINNING WITH THE PRESIDENCY OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND CARRIED ON THROUGH PRESIDENT NIXON " AND IN PART UNDER GERALD FORD", ALTHOUGH THE CHURCH COMMITTEE ATTEMPTED A COVER-UP, THE U.S. AND CHILE PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW, TRENTON STATED,

HOW MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS NOTABLY THE ITT COLLOBORATED IN THIS REGARD. TRENTON CLAIMED HE HAD SEEN RECORDS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHOWING WHICH PARTICULAR PDC MINISTERS RECEIVED MONEY AND WHICH GAVE INFORMATION TO THE CIA. BECAUSE IT MIGHT ENDANGER THEIR LIVES, HE SAID, HE WOULD NOT NAME THE MINISTERS INVOLVED SINCE SOME OF THEM HAD BEEN FORCED TO TAKE MONEY THROUGH BLACKMAIL, AND IT WOULD BE UNJUST TO CONDEMN THEM BUT AS SOON AS HE COULD SAFELY NAME NAMES, HE WOULD -- FIRST TO THE PEOPLE OF CHILE, SINCE THEY NEED TO KNOW IT MORE.

4. TRENTON TOOK LINE THAT IF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT UNDER PRESIDENT CARTER DID NOT PROSECUTE MESSRS. HELMS, MCCLOY, AND GENEEN IT WOULD MEAN THAT FURTHER INTERVENTION WOULD STILL BE POSSIBLE. POPPER

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